

House Resolution No. 4240

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educational institutions which have diligently assisted students in their preparation for roles as lifelong learners and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, former and current Saint Louis City School District students, faculty, and administrators will celebrate two interconnected milestones on October 16, 2004, when the One Hundredth Anniversary of the establishment of McKinley High School and the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of McKinley Classical Junior Academy are observed; and

Whereas, named in honor of the twenty-fifth United States president, William McKinley, less than three years after his assassination, McKinley High School was home to a rich ethnic mixture of immigrants and the children and grandchildren of immigrants, a characteristic which led to the true welcoming of African American students in 1954 as racial segregation across the country was being brought to an end; and

Whereas, McKinley High School provided a multi-track public high school education and the opportunity for competitive sports from its opening in January 1904 to its closing in 1988; and

Whereas, since 1994 the handsome brick building designed by Saint Louis architect William B. Ittner has housed the McKinley Classical Junior Academy, a Saint Louis public schools Magnet School for gifted and talented students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades; and

Whereas, McKinley Classical Junior Academy has attained considerable distinction in its ten years of operation, including being recognized as a Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Gold Star School in alliance with the national No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools Program; and

Whereas, Gold Star Schools stand out from their neighbors through exceptional academic standards and improvement documented during a five-year period, a comprehensive framework of criteria used for self-assessment and planning, and a willingness to communicate and share best educational practices with other institutions:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the many achievements associated with McKinley High School and McKinley Classical Junior Academy and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our sincerest best wishes as they celebrate milestone anniversary events in the interwoven histories of their two schools; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the students, faculty, and administration of McKinley High School and McKinley Classical Junior Academy of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Russ Carnahan
District No. 59

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 4240, adopted
October 8, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker